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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Akihiro SUZUKI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 09/364,070) Examiner: K. Poon
Filed: July 30, 1999) Confirmation No.: 8907
For: JOB SCHEDULING SYSTEMS)
FOR PRINT PROCESSING)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

CONFIRMATION OF RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is a confirmation of a September 20, 2007, telephonic response to a restriction requirement dated August 24, 2007.

In the restriction requirement, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between

Group I Embodiment disclosed on page 27, lines 24-26, page 28, lines 1-10

Group II Claims 16-20, and 26-31 drawn to a different species of the job processing system that processes jobs according to attribute information and current and previous states of the jobs, disclosed in Figs. 45, 46.

Restriction Requirement, page 2. During a telephone conversation with the Examiner on September 20, 2007, Applicants elected Species II, including claims 16-20 and 26-

31 for prosecution, and canceled non-elected claim 15. The Examiner accepted Applicants' election of claims 16-20 and 26-31 and cancellation of non-elected claim 15 during the telephone conversation. The Examiner also confirmed that a written response was not required.

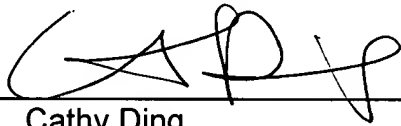
In a follow up telephone conversation on October 25, 2007, the Examiner requested that Applicants submit a written confirmation of the telephonic response made on September 20, 2007, for administrative purposes. The Examiner again confirmed that the response of September 20, 2007 was a proper response. Further, the Examiner confirmed the Applicants were informed on September 20, 2007, that a written response was not necessary.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that this paper confirms, in written form, the response properly made on September 20, 2007, to the restriction requirement dated August 24, 2007, prior to the due date of September 24, 2007. Therefore, no fees for an extension of time are due. However, to prevent this case from becoming abandoned, if any extensions of time and/or fees are deemed to be required, please grant such extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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